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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments to claims 10-18:

10.(Amended) A substrate comprising:

apart of circuit which is provided on the surface of said substrate; and

surface layers which are kept to the ground potential and cover the surface of said

substrate except said part of circuit and its peripheral.

11. (Amended) The substrate as claims in claim 10, wherein said surface layers include a top main surface and a bottom main surface.

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